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1. TEAM WAS BRIEFED BY STATION SUNDAY AND BY MACV
MONDAY. WILL SPEND TUESDAY DANANG, WEDNESDAY NHA TRANG
AND PLEIKU, THURSDAY BIEN HOA AND CAN THO, FRIDAY ADDITIONAL
BRIEFINGS SAIGON. PLAN LEAVE SAIGON ON SCHEDULE SATURDAY.

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2. [REDACTED] OF LAST ITEM). (OPS CEN
[REDACTED] CALLED ON BUNKER AND
WESTMORELAND MONDAY MORNING. DISCUSSION EASY AND FRANK.
NO PROBLEMS. STATION BRIEFING EXCELLENT. MACV BRIEFING
ROUTINE.

3. INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT PRELIMINARY POST
MORTEMS WILL STAND UP WELL. WASHINGTON APPEARS TO HAVE HAD
SAME MATERIAL AS SAIGON, BUT ATMOSPHERE OF ALL HELL ABOUT
TO BREAK LOOSE, WHICH EXISTED SAIGON, DID NOT FULLY CARRY THROUGH
TO WASHINGTON.

4. LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL POUCHED THROUGH MILITARY
CHANNELS. CMDR HAMILTON WILL PROVIDE COPY TO [REDACTED] ON

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ARRIVAL. SUGGEST HEADQUARTERS ANALYSTS PLOW INTO THIS
 ASAP, AS WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR ONLY MOST CURSORY
 SCANNING HERE.

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BARRIE WILLIAMS. TWO CINCPAC OFFICERS ALSO ACCOMPANYING GROUP AND MACV EXPECTED TO SEND AT LEAST ONE OBSERVER.

4. FOR DANANG. MOST OF MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL DEPART VIA AIR AMERICA AT 0700 ON TUESDAY. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITH GENERAL GLASS AND MACV REPS WILL DEPART ONE HOUR LATER SO ARRIVAL TIMES WILL PROBABLY COINCIDE. WHILE AT DANANG GROUP WILL BREAK UP AND VISIT III MAF G-2 AND G-3, I CORPS (ARVN) COMMANDER AND SENIOR ADVISOR AS WELL AS

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PARTY PLANS TO HAVE LUNCH WITH MARINES. GEN. GLASS AND **SECRET** PLAN TO CALL ON GEN. CUSHMAN AND GEN. LASS MAY ALSO VISIT PHU BAI.

5. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DETAILS RE II, III AND IV CORPS VISITS ASAP.

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SECRET 181028Z MAR 68 CITE SAIGON 0095

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REFERENCE: A. DIRECTOR 82580

B. DIRECTOR 83553

1. MACV RESPONSE REFERENCES FOLLOWS: QUOTE

A. WE FOUND NO ENEMY BASE AREAS IN THE SAIGON AREA; HOWEVER, THOSE AREAS WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETAKEN BY FRIENDLY FORCES YIELDED SPARSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. SOME DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND WHICH ALLOWED US TO

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AND WE DISCOVERED A FEW CACHES OF WEAPONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. REGARDING OUR OVERRUNNING COSVN'S BASE AREA, THE COSVN HQ WAS NEVER IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN SAIGON ITSELF ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT ELEMENTS WERE IN THE OUTSKIRTS. OPERATION YELLOWSTONE IN TAY TINH RENDERED SEVERAL TONS OF DOCUMENTS, SOME OF WHICH WERE CONDUCTIVE TO OUR ANALYSIS OF ENEMY POST-TET STRATEGY. THIS WILL AID OUR FUTURE OPERATIONAL PLANNING.

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B. ALL SOURCES OF INTELL CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS TO GET AT THE ENEMY COMMO-LIAISON ROUTES AND TO FIND CACHES - THESE PLUS IMPRESSED PORTERS ARE THE ENEMY'S FORWARD SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. UNQUOTE

2. REGARDING REF B, PARAGRAPH 3, OPERATION QUYET THANG HAS YET TO PRODUCE ANY SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE THOUGH A NUMBER OF WEAPONS CACHES HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED. FRIENDLY OPERATIONS OVER PAST YEAR THROUGH REFERENCE B " SAIGON AREA" HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED SIZEABLE "ENEMY BASE AREAS" OF TYPE CONTAINING LARGE VOLUME DOCUMENTS SUCH AS FOUND CEDAR FALLS AND JUNCTION CITY.

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PER PARA 1A, PLEASE CLARIFY QUOTE SAIGON AREA UNQUOTE
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TO PRIORITY SAIGON

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1. ON 12 MARCH, GENERAL TAYLOR PASSED A LIST OF QUESTIONS TO [REDACTED] MOST OF THESE WE CAN HANDLE HERE BUT THE FOLLOWING TWO WILL REQUIRE FIELD INPUT:

“ A. A REPORT IS DESIRED AS TO THE OUTCOME OF ATTACKS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY U.S./SVN FORCES ON ENEMY BASE AREAS IN THE SAIGON AREA. FOR INSTANCE, NOW THAT THE OLD COSVN AREA HAS BEEN OVER-RUN WHAT WAS FOUND THERE, PARTICULARLY WHAT INCREASED INTELLIGENCE WAS OBTAINED WHICH WAS OF VALUE FOR ~~KXXM~~ FURTHER MILITARY OPERATIONS?

“ B. WHAT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS ARE NOW BEING MADE BY U.S./SOUTH VIETNAM ELEMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE FORWARD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UTILIZED BY THE ENEMY FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITS MILITARY OPERATIONS, AS THE BASIS FOR INTERDICTION OF SUCH DISTRIBUTION BY OUR MILITARY FORCES?

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2. REQUEST YOU GENERATE THROUGH YOUR ~~MISSION~~ **TEAM** BEST POSSIBLE COORDINATED (I.E., STATION PLUS MACV) SAIGON FIELD RESPONSE AND SE BACK THROUGH OUR CHANNELS. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OUR RESPONSE, INCORPORATING YOUR INPUT, BY COB MONDAY, 18 MARCH.

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